

OF NOTE

Education

GI Bill payments due 18 months from signing

If you converted from VEAP to the Montgomery GI Bill in 2001, be sure your \$2,700 for enrollment is paid within 18 months of the day the you signed the DD Form 2366.

The payment can be made by pay reduction in any amount, lump sum or combination of the two.

If you signed the form but didn't go to finance until months later to start payroll deductions of \$150 each month, \$2,700 will not be paid within 18 months. Failure to pay within 18 months results in loss of contributions and your Montgomery GI Bill benefits.

For questions about when your DD Form 2366 was signed, contact Jim Haley at 853-0742 and the Accounting and Finance to determine when deductions started.

Community College of Air Force offers educational alternative

Have you had a hard time trying to fit college courses into your busy schedule?

The Community College of the Air Force offers Air Force enlisted members nontraditional alternatives to complete CCAF degree requirements.

The college has partnered with Park University, Saint Leo University and Troy State University, accredited on-line educational institutions, to offer distance learning options to fulfill the CCAF math, written communication, oral communication, social science, humanities, computer science and management course requirements.

Visit www.maxwell.af.mil/

au/ccaf/ge_init/ to learn more.

Contact the Kirtland AFB Education Services Office at 846-9933 or 846-8955 to schedule an appointment to determine the courses needed to complete your CCAF degree.

Events

Visit Contractors Showcase Feb. 28

A trade fair showcasing the small, disadvantaged high-tech contractor companies is **Feb. 28**, 8 a.m.-2 p.m., at the Air Force Research Laboratory conference center in Building 201, just inside the Kirtland Gate, north of Aberdeen.

The event introduces the contractors to all TEAM KIRTLAND.

The fair will include sandwiches, soft drinks, snacks and many promotional giveaway items and drawings.

Contact employers at job fair Feb. 27

A job fair sponsored by the Family Support Center is **Feb. 27**, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., at, the Rio Grande Community Center, building 20226.

Bring plenty of resumes and meet with representatives of over 80 employers.

A list of employers represented will be published in the Nucleus.

Share parenting ideas

Single Parents' Lunch is **Feb. 24**, 11 a.m.-noon, at the Family Support Center.

Beth DePersio presents information on "Finding Money to go Back to School."

Bring your bag lunch and invite other single parents to join the lunch program.

Register at 846-0741.

Air Force Galaxy Brass performance slated

The Galaxy Brass performs a free concert, **March 5**, 7 p.m., at the Kiva Auditorium in Albuquerque Convention Center.

The Galaxy Brass is part of the Air Force Band of the Rockies.

Admission is free.

Atomic museum director speaks at coalition lunch

James Walther, the National Atomic Museum director, is guest speaker at the **Feb. 22** Military Coalition luncheon at Albuquerque Petroleum Club, 500 Marquette NW.

Social is at 10:30 a.m. and lunch is at noon.

Reservations are \$15 a person. Call Rundy Galles at 846-5513 or Joe Loisel at 839-0969 by **Feb. 20**. No shows will be billed.

Army bands present hometown heroes tribute

The 44th and 77th Army Bands present "Tribute to Hometown Heroes" with a special performance with the Duke City Chorus **Feb. 15**.

The show at 7 p.m. is at the Kiva Auditorium in Albuquerque Convention Center downtown.

Visit Information, Tickets and Travel for free tickets.

Tickets limited to two a person are given on a first-come, first-served basis.

Call 846-2924.

Protestant Family Night sponsors adult studies

The Chapel Protestant Community Family Night sponsors new adult studies through its free

Family Night every Wednesday in the chapel annex.

"Experiencing God as Couples," is a class on the genealogy of Jesus. "The Song of Solomon" is a class directed at singles.

The weekly fellowship time features different theme nights. Valentines Night is **Feb. 19** and Mardi Gras Night is **Feb. 26**.

Family Night begins at 5:30 p.m., and classes for all ages, six months through adult, follow at 6:15 p.m.

Call 846-5691.

Inspection agency awards banquet set for Feb. 21

The annual awards banquet recognizing members of the Air Force Inspection Agency is **Feb. 21**, 6 p.m., in the grand ballroom of the Radisson Hotel.

The banquet theme is "Many Jobs, One Mission....Inspecting Today, Improving Tomorrow."

Social begins at 6 p.m. and dinner is at 7 p.m.

Dress for military is semiformal or mess dress and for civilians is coat and tie or black tie.

Tickets are \$20 a person. For reservations by **Feb. 17**, contact Maj. Dana Smith at 846-2450.

Lecture series offered at veterans memorial

The New Mexico Veterans Memorial hosts a free lecture series at the Visitors Center at 10:30 a.m.

Scheduled speakers are: "Tuskegee Airmen" by retired Air Force Col. Richard Tolliver, and commentary by John Allen, another Tuskegee Airman aviator, **Feb. 15**;

"Submarine Warfare Aboard the USS Puffer" by Charlie Brown, **March 22**; and

"Army Engineers" by Larry Blair, **April 19**.

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58th SOW holds annual awards ball, Feb. 21

The 58th Special Operations Wing has its annual awards ball, **Feb. 21**, 6 p.m., in the Mountain View Club.

Tickets are available **through tomorrow**. Cost is \$19 for members and \$21 for nonmembers.

Menu includes garden salad, marinated peppered sliced beef, Swiss chicken in white wine mushroom sauce, steamed mixed vegetables, whole baby parsley potatoes, rolls and butter, coffee and tea and pound cake with strawberry topping.

Sign up through unit first sergeants.

Meetings

Tuskegee Airmen meet today

The Gen. “Fig” Newton chapter of the Tuskegee Airmen, Inc., meets **today**, 5-6 p.m., in the Santa Fe Room of the Rio Grande Community Center.

Top 3 meets Thursday

The Kirtland Top 3 meets **today**, 3 p.m., in the Sandia Crest Club.

Call Senior Master Sgt. Mark Hall, 846-1039.

8th Air Force group meets

The New Mexico chapter of the 8th Air Force Historical Society has winter general membership meeting and luncheon **Feb. 15**.

The program at the Albuquerque Petroleum Club, 500 Marquette NW, is at 11 a.m.

Entertainment will be The Friends, singing songs from the World War II era.

For reservations, call Carole Kriese at 792-5157.

Help plan tribute to military women

The Tribute to Military Women planning committee meets **every**

Tuesday in February, 4:30 p.m., in the 58th Maintenance Group conference room, Building 1018.

If you are interested in helping, contact Col. Mary Parker, 853-5820, or Master Sgt. Jackie Pennington, 846-7525.

Miscellanea

Dogs on base must be registered by Feb. 28

All pets on Kirtland AFB must be registered with the Base Veterinary Clinic and Military Family Housing offices by **Feb. 28**.

The veterinary clinic is open Tuesday-Thursday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., and Friday, 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

Call 846-4276.

Pet registration forms are available from the Housing Office. The office is open weekdays, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Call 846-8217.

Diversity essay contest open to youth

“Why Diversity is Important” is the theme of a youth essay contest open to youth in kindergarten to 12th grades.

Submissions in a variety of categories are accepted through **tomorrow**. All participants can attend the Diversity Family Day, **Feb. 28**, 6 p.m., at the Kirtland Boys and Girls Club where prizes will be given.

Submissions with the entrant’s name, phone number and grade written on the back of the submission are accepted at the Boys and Girls Club.

Call 1st Lt. Jeffrey Kierman, 846-3042, Capt. Marnita Eaddie, 846-0858, or Capt. April Restine, 853-8085.

Furniture store operating hours change

The Army and Air Force Exchange Service Furniture Store in the Mini Mall changes operating hours.

The new schedule is: Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; Satur-

day, 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m.; and closed on Sunday.

Anti-suicide Web site up

The Air Force Suicide Prevention Web site is operational at <https://www.afms.mil/afspp/>.

Boating, seamanship skills taught

Albuquerque flotilla of the Coast Guard Auxiliary presents a nine-week boating skills and seamanship course, starting **Feb. 25**.

The class meeting Tuesdays at 7 p.m. includes a certificate of completion.

Nominal fee is for text and workbooks; instruction is free. Topics include equipment for your boat, trailering your boat, boat handling, mandatory rules, highway signs, lines and knots.

For required preregistration, call Ben at 298-0116.

Personnel

Blood drives set

Kirtland AFB sponsors blood drives conducted by United Blood Services.

A waiting period is imposed for people who have had Smallpox vaccinations.

Sandia National Laboratories, **every Tuesday**, 7:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

Air Force Operational Test and Evaluation Center, **today**, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Space and Missile Systems Detachment 12, Building 497, **Feb. 20**, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

Air Force Research Laboratory, **Feb. 20**, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

Nuclear Weapons Directorate, 1551 Wyoming, **Feb. 21**, 7:30-11:30 a.m.

Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Spinal Cord Training Room, **Feb. 25**, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Electronic W-2s available

ARLINGTON, Va. (AFPN)—Military members and DOD civilians can now view, save and print their W-2 wage and tax

statements from myPay at <https://mypay.dfas.mil>.

Military retirees and annuitants can view, save and print their tax form 1099s as well.

Customers can also help DOD save money by volunteering to turn off the print copy of their leave and earnings statements and checking it on-line.

DOD can save up to 34 cents for each LES that is delivered electronically instead of in hard copy.

Recruiting Creativity tournament appraisers needed

Appraisers from TEAM KIRTLAND are sought for a children’s creativity and problem-solving program tournament **March 22**.

The program is for youth of all ages from 47 states nationwide, 15 foreign countries and Canadian provinces.

The program with technical, structural and theatrical challenges lasts several months and is designed to help the participants build teamwork and divergent thinking.

Appraiser training is **March 1**, 8 a.m., at Sandia High School.

Contact Master Sgt. David Halvorson at 846-6636 or david.halvorson@kirtland.af.mil or Chief Master Sgt. Lou Kohrs at 846-2401 or louis.kohrs@kirtland.af.mil.

‘Strides Against Breast Cancer’ needs walkers

Teams from Kirtland AFB are sought to join the annual Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk, **April 6**.

Teams from the base are invited to join the event sponsored by the American Cancer Society. Teams captains are also needed.

Contact Maj. Michael Earl, 846-3287, or by e-mail, michael.earl@Kirtland.af.mil.